

**Before the  
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20554**

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In the Matter of )  
Section 63.71 Application of )

**Level 3 Telecom of Idaho, LLC** )

For Authority Pursuant to Section 214 of )  
the Communications Act of 1934, as )  
amended, to Discontinue the Provision of )  
Certain Voice and Data Services in the )  
Boise, Idaho Metropolitan Area )  
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WC Docket No. \_\_\_\_\_

**SECTION 63.71 APPLICATION OF  
LEVEL 3 TELECOM OF IDAHO, LLC**

Level 3 Telecom of Idaho, LLC (FRN: 0004-3522-66) (“Level 3 Telecom”),<sup>1</sup> a CenturyLink company, seeks authorization pursuant to Section 214(a) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. § 214(a), and Section 63.71 of the Commission’s rules, 47 C.F.R. § 63.71, to discontinue certain Voice and Data services in the Boise, Idaho metropolitan area.

This application follows the Commission’s approval of CenturyLink’s transfer of certain telecommunications assets in the Boise metropolitan statistical area to Syringa Networks, LLC.<sup>2</sup> That asset transfer was undertaken to fulfill the requirements of the Final Judgment issued in

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<sup>1</sup> Level 3 Telecom of Idaho, LLC is a subsidiary of CenturyLink, Inc. (FRN 0018-6268-53).

<sup>2</sup> See *In the Matter of CenturyLink, Inc. Transferor, and Syringa Networks, LLC, Transferee, Joint Application for Consent to Assignment of Assets Pursuant to Section 214 of the Communications Act, as Amended*, WC Docket No. 18-76 (filed March 13, 2018). See *Notice of Domestic Section 214 Authorizations Granted*, WC Docket Nos. 18-76 and 18-79, Public Notice, 33 FCC Rcd 4462, DA 18-437 (Apr. 30, 2018).

connection with CenturyLink's acquisition of Level 3 Communications,<sup>3</sup> and has now been consummated. CenturyLink now seeks authorization to discontinue Level 3 Telecom's provision of certain voice and data services in the Boise, Idaho metropolitan area.

CenturyLink provides the following information pursuant to Section 63.71 of the Commission's Rules:

**1. Name and Address of the Carrier**

Level 3 Telecom of Idaho, LLC  
100 CenturyLink Drive  
Monroe, LA 71203

**2. Date of Planned Service Discontinuance**

CenturyLink plans to discontinue the affected services to the customers covered by this application on or around December 9, 2019 or as soon thereafter as any necessary regulatory approvals are obtained.

**3. Points of Geographic Areas of Service Affected**

CenturyLink proposes to discontinue the affected services in the Boise, Idaho metropolitan area.

**4. Description of Services Affected**

Voice and Data Services: Basic Business Line Service provides voice-grade telephonic communications channels that can be used to place or receive one call at a time. Basic Exchange Line and Trunk Services provide voice-grade telephonic communications channels that can be used to place or receive one call at a time. Channel 12 Service is a bundled service consisting of local exchange service with select features. Complete Lines/Trunks Service (a/k/a Complete

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<sup>3</sup> Final Judgment, *United States v. CenturyLink, Inc. and Level 3 Communications, Inc.*, 1:17-cv-02028-KBJ (Mar. 6, 2018) ("Final Judgment").

Lines DS0) provides voice-grade telephonic communications channels that can be used to place or receive one call at a time. Direct SIP Service allows the sharing of SIP call paths across two redundant IP PBX platforms and provides bi-directional Business Continuity and Disaster Recovery functionality. IP Trunks is a managed application provisioned across a customer's local area network and the Level 3 IP Core. VersiPak Lines and Trunks Service is the voice portion of an integrated, multi-service, packet-based access service that delivers voice and data services over a single DS1. VersiPak Flex® T Service and VersiPak Power® T Service are bundled services consisting of local exchange service with select features.

**5. Brief Description of the Dates and Methods of Notice to All Affected Customers**

CenturyLink sent a written notification of the planned discontinuance to the customers affected by the proposed discontinuance in accordance with Section 63.71(a) of the Commission's Rules. Customer notifications were sent by United Parcel Service or U.S. Mail on October 9, 2019.<sup>4</sup> A copy of the notification is attached to this application (Attachment A).

**6. Whether the Carrier is Considered Dominant or Non-dominant with Respect to the Service to be Discontinued**

Level 3 Telecom of Idaho, LLC is considered non-dominant with respect to the services to be discontinued.

**7. Other Information**

In accordance with Section 63.71(a) of the Commission's Rules, a copy of this application is being mailed concurrently with its filing to the entities listed on the attached certificate of service.

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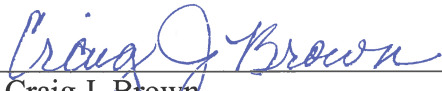
<sup>4</sup> In addition, some customers also may have been notified by email, at the discretion of individual account managers.

## CONCLUSION

The public convenience and necessity will not be adversely affected by the discontinuance of the services described herein. Advance notice has been provided to all affected customers, giving them ample time to arrange substitute services, which are readily available and include, but are not limited to, other services offered by other CenturyLink affiliates. Therefore, CenturyLink respectfully requests that the Commission approve this Section 63.71 application.<sup>5</sup>

Respectfully submitted,

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<sup>5</sup> Although CenturyLink proposes in this application to discontinue a TDM-based voice service, this discontinuance is not a “technology transition,” as defined in 47 C.F.R. § 63.60(i), as the affected customers can choose to switch to another TDM-based voice service provided by CenturyLink, as well as other alternatives offered by CenturyLink and its competitors.



«Customer\_name»

Billing Account Number: « BAN »

«Address\_1»

«Address\_2»

«City», «State» «Zip»

Service Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Dear «Customer\_contact\_name»,

We are contacting you to inform you that certain voice services provided by Level 3 Telecom of Idaho, LLC in the Boise, Idaho area will be discontinued on, or after **12/9/2019**. This is subject to the approval of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC).

You are receiving this notice because you currently subscribe to one or more of the following services that are being discontinued in the Boise, Idaho area as part of a network consolidation program resulting in a single, next-generation, CenturyLink platform that will provide your business with greater flexibility, simplicity and efficiency.

- **Basic Business Line Service** provides voice-grade telephonic communications channels that can be used to place or receive one call at a time.
- **Basic Exchange Line and Trunk Services** provide voice-grade telephonic communications channels that can be used to place or receive one call at a time.
- **Channel 12 Service** is a bundled service consisting of local exchange service with select features.
- **Complete Lines/Trunks Service (a/k/a Complete Lines DS0)** provides voice-grade telephonic communications channels that can be used to place or receive one call at a time.
- **Direct SIP Service** allows the sharing of SIP call paths across two redundant IP PBX platforms and provides bi-directional Business Continuity and Disaster Recovery functionality.
- **IP Trunks** is a managed application provisioned across a customer's local area network (LAN) and the Level 3 IP Core.
- **VersiPak Lines and Trunks Service** is the voice portion of an integrated, multi-service, packet-based access service that delivers voice and data services over a single DS1.
- **VersiPak Flex® T Service and VersiPak Power® T Service** are bundled services consisting of local exchange service with select features.

There are various options to replace your current service with an alternate CenturyLink voice service. We ask that you contact your account team as soon as possible so they may assist you in selecting a new service that meets your needs and ensures a seamless and uninterrupted transition of your voice services.

If you do not choose to replace the affected services with a different CenturyLink service or with another service provider prior to **12/9/2019**, your current service will be disconnected on, or after this date. If your services are no longer needed, simply place a disconnect order via the billing portal using your Billing Account Number listed above or contact your account team for assistance.

We are here to assist you. Your CenturyLink Account Manager is «AM\_Name» and can be reached at «AM\_Phone», or by email at «AM\_Email». If you would like to designate an operational contact with

respect to this matter, please provide his or her contact information. Feel free to contact your Account Manager with any questions.

We value your business and appreciate your cooperation regarding this notice.

Thank you,

CenturyLink  
100 CenturyLink Drive  
Monroe, LA 71203



**The following statement is required by the FCC:**

The FCC will normally authorize this proposed discontinuance of service unless it is shown that customers would be unable to receive service or a reasonable substitute from another carrier or that the public convenience and necessity is otherwise adversely affected. If you wish to object, you should file your comments as soon as possible, but no later than 15 days after the Commission releases public notice of the proposed discontinuance. You may file your comments electronically through the FCC's Electronic Comment Filing System using the docket number established in the Commission's public notice for this proceeding, or you may address them to the Federal Communications Commission, Wireline Competition Bureau, Competition Policy Division, Washington, DC 20554, and include in your comments a reference to the § 63.71 Application of Level 3 Telecom of Idaho, LLC. Comments should include specific information about the impact of this proposed discontinuance upon you or your company, including any inability to acquire reasonable substitute service.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Marjorie Herlth, do hereby certify that I have caused the foregoing **SECTION 63.71**

**APPLICATION** to be:

- 1) Filed with the Secretary of the FCC via ECFS (Inbox-Section 214 Domestic Discontinuance Application);
- 2) Served via first-class U.S. Mail, postage prepaid, on the Governor of the State listed on the attached service list;
- 3) Served via first-class U.S. Mail, postage prepaid, on the Public Utility Commission listed on the attached service list;
- 4) Served via first-class U.S. Mail, postage prepaid, or via email on the Regulatory Authority for the Tribal Nations listed on the attached service list; and
- 5) Served via first-class U.S. Mail, postage prepaid, on the Special Assistant for Telecommunications under the Secretary of Defense<sup>1</sup>.

  
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Marjorie Herlth

October 10, 2019

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<sup>1</sup> Section 63.71(a) directs applicants to submit a copy of the application to the Secretary of Defense, Special Assistant for Telecommunications. However, due to restructuring within the Department of Defense, that position no longer exists. Commission staff has advised that a copy of the application be sent instead to the Department of Defense Chief Information Officer.

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